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To: R.C. Miller, Chief Inspector
From: T.H. Linthicum *T. H. L.*

Subject: Attached Critique

Reference is made to parts 3 a through e of the attached paper, and the following comments are offered:

a.: The briefing was extremely well organized in order to conform to the limited time available. In view of the time factor, I feel the allotment of time was adequate for each subject.

b.: A decided yes. My regret is that I did not undergo such a briefing session some years ago. It would have helped materially in my relations with members of the Agency in the field. In this connection, I should strongly recommend that consideration be given to having Administrative Officers at large and medium-sized posts undergo similar briefing. If the full story cannot be told, then consideration might be given towards having such officers hear parts a, e and f.

c.: I think more time should have been allotted for questions at the end of each presentation. Despite our "natural reticence" to ask questions, little opportunity was offered for such questions because the chairman was so conscious of the time and consequently made the audience equally sensitive. Further, I think that the subject discussed in e might have had beneficial results to spokesmen of the Agency had they permitted or encouraged more questions from the Inspectors. Specifically,

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d.: I feel an annual exchange of ideas between the Agency and the Inspectors would be most beneficial.

e.: I think an improvement might be realized in future discussions through permitting an extended questions period after certain topics have been presented, such as my comment made in c above.

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